If you are an EMS provider, what does CHIRP mean to you?

Imagine: You get a call on an infant with mental status changes. You arrive to the home and see this baby; she seems lethargic and appears dusky. The only other person in the home is an older woman and she speaks only Spanish.

You see the diaper bag on a chair and notice an EMSC Red Pack attached to it.

You know that inside the pack you will find a vial with this baby’s current medical information. You may see a sticker on inside of their door or a magnet on the fridge indicating a similar vial can be found in the fridge.

♦ It satisfies the HIPPPA requirement to allow you access to medical information on a particular child in your service area, a child that you will likely have to respond to.

♦ It promotes easy access to current key information in the moment you need it.

♦ It gives you peace of mind. It is a great source of emergency information that can help you save more lives.

http://health.utah.gov/ems/emsc/

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What is the CHIRP Program?
The Children’s Health Information Red Pack Program works to provide pre-hospital responders with quick access to current health information on a child with special healthcare needs in the case of an emergency.

Who should enroll?
Medical conditions that qualify a child for this program are:
- Frequent seizures
- Tracheostomy
- Ventilator dependency - CPAP/BIPAP
- Congenital heart disease
- Complex respiratory and cardiology needs
- Neurological compromised
- Severe asthma with past admittance to ICU
- Severe Autism
- Brittle diabetes

How to enroll?

⇒ Step 1: Go to the EMSC home page www.health.utah.gov/ems/emsc, click on the “General Public Page”, then click on the “CHIRP” link, and then the “Parent login”
⇒ Step 2: Follow the instructions and fill in the blank boxes
⇒ Step 3: Click “Create a new sheet for my child”
⇒ Step 4: Complete the form and save

Once enrolled, what happens? The parents will be sent the following:
- A letter explaining the program
- Two document vials to store current copies of the Health Information Sheet
  - One to be kept in the red pack, with the child at all times
  - The other to go in the door of the refrigerator where the child resides
- An EMSC sticker that the family can place on the inside of their main door as a signal to EMS to look in the fridge
- An EMSC magnet to go on the fridge containing the information sheet

Parents could also play a proactive role by:
- Easily updating your child’s changing medical needs and medications
- Educating your local EMS agencies on their child’s important health information
- Writing recommendations online

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